

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended for clarity to remove extraneous reference numerals and to correct a typographical error, claim 23 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 25, claim 24 is amended for clarity, and claim 25 is canceled. No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-22 are allowed and that claim 25 contains allowable subject matter.

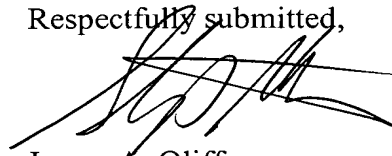
In the Office Action, claims 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,806,200 to Brenner et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed, but rendered moot by incorporation of allowable claim 25 into independent claim 23.

Accordingly, claim 23 and claim 24 dependent therefrom distinguish over Brenner et al. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 23-24 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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